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Remarks

In the June 03, 2003 Final Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-12 are pending, claims 4, 5 and 12 are withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-3 and 6-11 are rejected.

On August 04, 2003, Applicants filed an Amendment in response to the June 03, 2003 Final Office Action. In the August 04, 2003 Amendment, Applicants canceled claims 1-12 without prejudice and added new claims 13-21.

An Advisory Action was issued by the Examiner on September 15, 2003. The Examiner stated in the September 15, 2003 Advisory Action that August 04, 2003 Amendment "will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search and they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims." The Examiner also stated that "for purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendments will not be entered." The Examiner further stated that claims 1-12 are rejected.

On October 01, 2003, Applicants filed a proposed amendment in response to the June 03, 2003 Final Office Action and September 15, 2003 Advisory Action. In the October 01, 2003 Proposed Amendment in response to the June 03, 2003 Final Office Action and September 15, 2003 Advisory Action, Applicants added new claims 23-32.

Telephone conferences with the Examiner were held on November 10, 2003, November 12, 2003, November 18, 2003, and December 01, 2003.

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During the November 10, 2003 telephone conference, the Examiner stated that the October 01, 2003 Proposed Amendment in response to the June 03, 2003 Final Office Action and September 15, 2003 Advisory Action was entered.

During the November 12, 2003 telephone conference, the allowability of the pending claims were discussed, and the Examiner indicated that certain claims were allowed.

During the November 18, 2003 telephone conference, the Examiner stated that a search was being performed, and that the Examiner will call back in a couple of days.

During the December 01, 2003 telephone conference, Applicants discussed claim 25 with the Examiner. Examiner agreed to amend claim 25 to the following language: "The aqueous/aqueous emulsion system of claim 24 wherein the surface modifier is polymeric." The Examiner stated that claims 24-32 are now in condition for allowance and that claim 23 was canceled without prejudice. The Examiner stated that a Notice of Allowance will be issued today, i.e. December 01, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicants are awaiting the Notice of Allowance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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